

Minutes from: HWCA Land Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, February 6th, 7pm

Gillette residence - 206 Glen Hollow Road

Residents in attendance: Cappy, Tom, Hayden, Pat G., Pat W., Marc S., John S., Cathy K. and Dylan from Prima Management.

1. Volunteer note-taker : Cathy K.

2. Review and approval of October 2012 meeting notes: Marc recommended minutes from Oct. 2012 meeting be approved. All members seconded approval.

3. Review of blizzard damage and impact on 2013 resources: Dylan gave estimated damage of trees and shrubs at \$5120 from Dec. snow storm. The LS committee will request that payment for this storm damage not come from the LSC funds. Perhaps this payment could come from emergency funds. This would leave much needed money for LSC projects and tree restoration/planting for the coming year.

Other immediate projects are: - \$1,100 damage of trees encroaching on 321 GTC.

- \$2200 for removal of big elm tree.

4. Report on OMS Erosion Control bid process: Begin planning for 2013: John Schimmelman reported that 2 proposals – Ganser and Good Oak - have been submitted and need to be looked at in more detail. This will be done by members of the subcommittee assigned to this project. The project will eventually be done in phases as money becomes available.

5. Discussion on how to address Emerald Ash Borer: Mike Roarke – HW arborist, will be certified to pre-treat trees to prevent damage from Emerald Ash Borer. Hayden will contact the university research on whether this is an advised procedure. Twenty Ash trees are currently thought to be on our property and will leave a big gap if they all die. Currently the Ash Borer has reached as far as Janesville. Reported fall 2012.

6. Woodland Manager update: Do we want to continue the educational forums? It was thought that the information was very valuable in informing residents of the woodland issues related to Highland Woods. It seems that keeping residents informed is important to moving forward with projects. Some residents have decided to fund projects adjacent to their units and suggested by Good Oak, as a result of hearing about the vision of the Burr Oak Project. It was suggested that another forum with Frank from Good Oak would be a good idea.

7. Develop 2013 watering plan/sites and secure volunteers: Hayden will check if current waterers can continue through the upcoming growing season. We will need to identify other waterers as projects move forward. Stipends for water usage will continue.

8. Owner funded projects request form: In 2011 and 2012 significant owner funded projects have occurred. Forms have been developed to describe these projects as a way to keep the BOD and owners informed about the scope and process of each project. All projects so far have been done in a manner consistent with the Burr Oaks Plan which requires minimal future maintenance other than mulching and watering during droughts.

9. Establish Spring Volunteer Workday date and plan: This will be decided in March meeting based on needs.

10. Property manager green-related report : Dylan reported that \$1500 has been set aside for lawn restoration for damage caused by drought and excessive salting.

11. Establish next date and meeting location: Next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00**. Place will be determined.

12. Other business: 1. Concern was expressed about 20 stumps in the hollow. Most of them are dead stumps that need to be leveled. Others will need Round-up application so they don't grow back. **Dylan will get a bid from Alpine to address this issue.** 2. A formal statement about non-tolerance of invasive species has been prepared and revised. Hayden will present this to the BOD for formal approval and adoption as a HIGHLAND WOODS policy. Some rewording was suggested by the members of the LSC.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.